

# *Homegoing Celebration of Sister Evelyn Patterson*



Psalms 6: 9 "The Lord Hath Heard My Supplication;

The Lord Will Receive My Prayer"

Sunrise March 9, 1935 ~ Sunset December 25, 2011

## **Service Held**

Wednesday, January 4, 2012

Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church

831 South 43<sup>rd</sup> Street

Richmond, California

## **Officiating**

Reverend Dr. J.R. Spearman, Pastor

Reverend Dr. Lloyd Farr

# Order of Service

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| <i>Processional</i>  | <i>The Family</i>  |
| <i>Scripture.....Old Testament</i>   | <i>Reverend Eric Morris (Proverbs 3:5-6)</i>                             |
| <i>New Testament</i>   | <i>Reverend Dr. Nathaniel Farr (St. John 14:1-4)</i>                     |
| <i>Inspirational</i>   | <i>Reverend Nicholas Alexander (Psalms 121:1-8)</i>                      |
| <i>Prayer</i>  | <i>Dr. David Lee Farr</i>  |
| <i>Selection</i>   | <i>Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church Choir</i>                      |
| <i>Expressions</i>   | <i>National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.</i>                            |
|  | <i>Reverend Dr. Ricky Williams</i>                                       |
|  | <i>California State Baptist Convention, Inc.</i>                         |
| <i>Reverend Dr. Claybon Lea, Jr. President/Jackie Campbell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Women's Auxiliary</i> |  |
|  | <i>Progressive Baptist Missionary Educational District Association</i>   |
| <i>Reverend Dr. Rodney Leggett, Moderator/Vernadine Randle, President, Women's Auxiliary</i>                     |  |
| <i>Selection</i>   | <i>Yvette Baker</i>  |
| <i>Expressions Church Family</i>   | <i>Sister Etta Spearman</i>  |
| <i>Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church Women's Mission Union</i>  | <i>Sister Vanessa Johnson</i>  |
|  | <i>2 Minutes Expressions (3people only)</i>                              |
| <i>Special Tributes</i>  | <i>Nate Bates....Richmond City Council Member</i>                        |
|  | <i>Sister Mary Heights....Spiritual Sister</i>                           |
|  | <i>Sister Clara Cooper-Howard....Mercy Love Club #2 President</i>        |
| <i>Acknowledgement of Condolences/Resolutions</i>  | <i>Sister Pamela Williams</i>  |
|  | <i>Special Family Tribute</i>  |
|  | <i>Jeffrey Patterson ~ Carolyn Patterson ~ Lil Edward ~ Sherry Vance</i> |
| <i>Obituary</i>  | <i>Patricia Farr</i>   |
|  | <i>Special Tribute To Mother</i>   |
|  | <i>~ Minister Edward Joseph Patterson ~</i>                              |
| <i>Eulogy</i>  | <i>Reverend Dr. James Ray Spearman</i>                                   |
| <i>Parting View</i>  | <i>Rose Manor Funeral Services</i>                                       |
| <i>Recessional</i>   |  |



*Precious Memories*



# *~Issac & Evelyn Patterson Wedding Day~*

## My Story

Evelyn Patterson was born on March 9, 1933 and was the oldest child of J.C. Farr, Sr. and Allie Mae Farr in Brooklyn, TX. In 1944, the family relocated to Richmond, CA where she attended the Schools in the Richmond Unified School District and graduated from El Cerrito High School in 1952. After graduating, she began working at Fort Mason in San Francisco, CA.

Evelyn worked for the Federal Government at various military bases including the Presidio, San Francisco and the Oakland Army Base. It was there that she met her soul mate, Mr. Isaac Patterson. Evelyn and Isaac were married on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 1960. To this beautiful union four children were born, three wonderful sons: Gregory, Jeffrey, Edward and one lovely daughter, Carolyn.

After retiring from government services, she went to Contra Costa College as a Job Placement Clerk. Her spirit for helping people came through as she inspired many students to pursue their dreams and goals. She retired from the college after twenty-four years of service to care for her ailing husband.

Evelyn accepted Christ at an early age while attending Sunlight Baptist Church in Beaumont, TX. After the family relocated to California, they united with the Seaport Baptist Church, which later merged with the Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Reverend C.E. Richardson. Evelyn grew in the knowledge of scripture and gained spiritual maturity in understanding. She was very active in the church and the community. She attended numerous district, state, and national meetings and worked in many departments.

Evelyn worked from her youth and served her church family in many capacities as a Youth Director, Gospel Chorus member, Dorcas Circle Chairperson, Mothers Board, Honorary member of the Deaconess and as the Women's Auxiliary President (W.M.U.) for many years with the theme of "Unity" throughout her tenure. Evelyn's love for God and her strong desire to do his will along with her understanding of Matthew 25:34-40 lit a fire in her as president to serve others as Christ has commanded. Under her administration, work continued with the Richmond Rescue Mission and the Mother Tyler African Outreach. In addition, feeding ministries were established at the Richmond Soup Kitchen and Brookside Shelter. Friends Outside and Helping Hands organizations were recipients of clothing, toiletries, and food donations. The Day of Sharing was instituted and she was instrumental in spearheading the adoption effort of a Hurricane Katrina family, which provided for the needs of the family for over a year.

Evelyn was also involved with the Richmond Unified District Advisory Committee, and for years held the position of Secretary. She was active in the PTA at the various schools her children attended. She also worked many political campaigns for the Contra Costa College Board of Trustees and the Richmond Council Mayoral races. Now to change the hat-Mama, Nana, Grandma, Grandma Patterson, E P, Evelina, Mother Patterson, and Sister Patterson were all names people knew her by. This woman of God touched everyone who came into her presence with a wonderful smile and a beautiful hug. She had a way to make people laugh and loved to talk to anyone about the goodness of the Lord. Some of her hobbies were shopping, being on Facebook, playing Solitary on the computer, and talking on the phone.

Evelyn heard the welcoming call of her Lord on Christmas Day, 2011 at home. She received her wings and flew home, Praise God! She leaves to cherish her strong bond of devotion, memory and love, three sons:



Gregory of San Francisco, CA, Jeffrey (Deborah) Patterson of Lancaster, CA, Edward Joseph Patterson of Richmond, CA, One Daughter, Carolyn Patterson of Richmond, CA, Four Grandchildren; LaRhonda Shante, Edward Phillip-Joseph, Jeffrey 11, and Jayla Patterson; One Great-Granddaughter, Kayliee Jasmire Brooks, (Puff), One Great Grandson Jayden Malachi Patterson. To sisters, Helen (Otis) Felder, Gertrude Farr of Richmond, CA; Three brothers, J.C. Farr, Jr. and Lloyd (Patricia) Farr of Richmond, CA, Leonard Farr of Vacaville, CA; two sisters-in-law, Helen Pipkins of Tulsa, OK, Carrie (Clarence) Parks of Haskell, OK, one brother-in-law, John (Iris) Patterson of Lawton, OK, a special niece, Sherry Vance of Hayward, CA and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

To God Be The Glory!!!



## Whatcha You Doing Over There

Tribute by Sherry Vance (Niece)

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*Every Greeting that I solute was “Whatcha doing over there”?*

*I’m sitting thanking the Lord for who he is in my life.*

*“Whatcha doing over there”? Oh I’m praying for you all.*

*“Whatcha doing over there”? Oh I’m thinking how I miss my mother, father and Ike.*

*“Whatcha doing over there”? Oh I’m cooking for the house so if  
someone comes over they can eat.*

*“Whatcha doing over there”? Oh I’m thinking of my grandchildren and  
great grandchildren asking the Lord to bless them indeed.*

*“Whatcha doing over there”? Oh I am asking God to send the Holy Spirit  
to fill the church and bless my Pastor.*

*“Whatcha doing over there”? Oh I’m praying that you and Goggie  
and my children stay with the Lord.*

*“Whatcha doing over there”? I just finish praying for my sisters and brothers  
and asking God to instill love and forgiveness and to take care of each other.*

*“Whatcha doing over there”? Oh I’m just praising God for saving me  
and loving me so much.*

*“Whatcha doing over there”? Oh I’m just waiting to walk the streets paved with gold  
and receive my crown.*

*“Whatcha doing over there”? I’m sharing and telling the good news that I’m taking a  
trip and I’ll never come back there to tell you.*

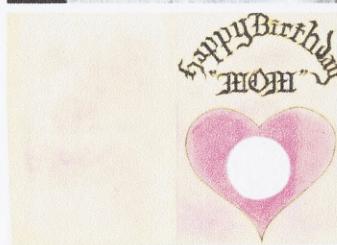
*If you want to know what’s going on over here you must be born again.*

*Baptized with the Holy Ghost and then you will know what is going on over here.*

*Last of all, you can’t use a coupon here you must be pure at heart.*

## *I Remember Mama In A Special Way*

Gregory Alexander Patterson

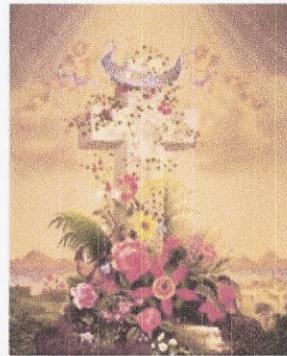


### Active Pallbearers

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| Ricky Alexander    | Christopher Farr |                |
| Nicholas Alexander | James Farr       |                |
| Timothy Alexander  | J.C. Farr III    |                |
| Marcus Felder      | Matthew Felder   | Michael Felder |

### Honorary Pallbearers

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|-----------------|----------------|
| Billy Alexander | Davis Cooks    |
| J.C. Farr Jr.   | David Farr     |
| Gary Farr       | Leonard Farr   |
| Lloyd Farr      | Otis Felder    |
| Ronnie Manning  | John Patterson |



### In Appreciation

Your presence today is so expressive of Christian concern.  
Your personal attendance, your floral, your condolences  
and other deeds of kindness is appreciated.

### Interment

Rolling Hills Memorial Park  
Richmond, California